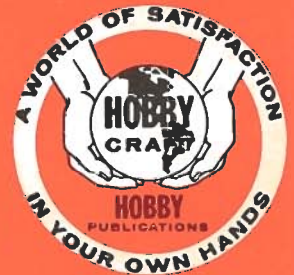


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Command Study

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THE history of the Boardgaming, Wargaming and Military Miniatures hobby is an interesting and sometimes confusing subject. Once they were considered three separate hobbies. Today it is all thought of as one.

This combination of interests can be attributed to the expansion of the hobby into new areas. The one area that has had the greatest impact is the Role Playing game. *Dungeons and Dragons* (D&D) by TSR Hobbies was the first one published and it captured the attention of the entire hobby. This was the first "Fantasy" Role Playing game design. With this game, players did not need miniatures or an area to game in—all they needed was paper, pencil, and imagination.

D&D utilized an open-ended game system of play. This means that the planning of adventures was left entirely to a referee known as the Dungeon Master (DM). He could plan a campaign where the same characters could go on a number of adventures into different dungeons. Or, a single adventure with limited objectives. All of this depends on the time the DM and players can put into their game.

Many of the earlier fantasy role playing games drew some of their character concepts from *The Lord of the Ring Trilogy* by J.R.R. Tolkien. This is an internationally read book that has captured the imagination of millions. The very first set of fantasy rulers were for man-to-man fighting with miniatures—and were included as a rules supplement with *Chainmail* by TSR. *Chainmail* is a set of Medieval rules for 25mm miniatures and was the first of a new type of gaming that continues to be very popular.

Following these two games was *Empire of the Petal Throne* (EPT)

again by TSR. With this game, players are given specific boundaries within the world of Tekumel and the rules include a detailed map of this fantasy world. There are also detailed descriptions of the characters that could be encountered on this world. Released shortly after was the game of *Citadel* by Fantasy Games Unlimited (FGU) which was fast paced and easy to learn.

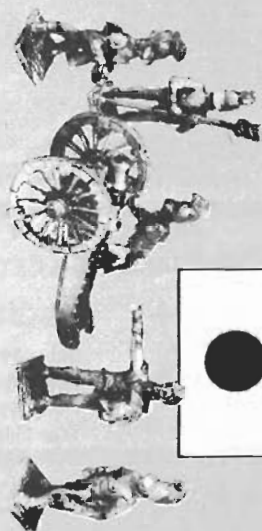
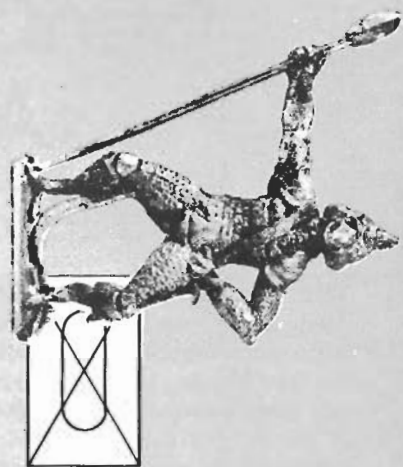
Just released is *Runequest* by Chaosium, a novel game system utilizing players' logic with common sense rules. A supplement to *Runequest* will be released shortly that will add new ideas and gaming possibilities.

During this time, miniature manufacturers were producing fantasy figures. Fantasy game players started using these figures in their gaming adventures and game designers, seeing this, began publishing sets of miniature rules designed for mass action. No longer were players limited to individual adventures—now they could have fantasy armies meet on the battlefield.

One of the first of this type of rules set to be published was *The Emerald Tablet*. Shortly thereafter, TSR published miniature rules for D&D and EPT. Next came a huge rule book including both role playing and miniature rules. This was *Chivalry and Sorcery* by FGU and it contained many new rule concepts that seem to be very popular with fantasy gamers. With all of these different designs to choose from, gamers are anything but bored.

If all this isn't enough, more fantasy products began being produced. These items were boardgames and were originally published by small companies with limited resources. They sold well

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GenCon XI: Ratings Go Up, Attendance Down

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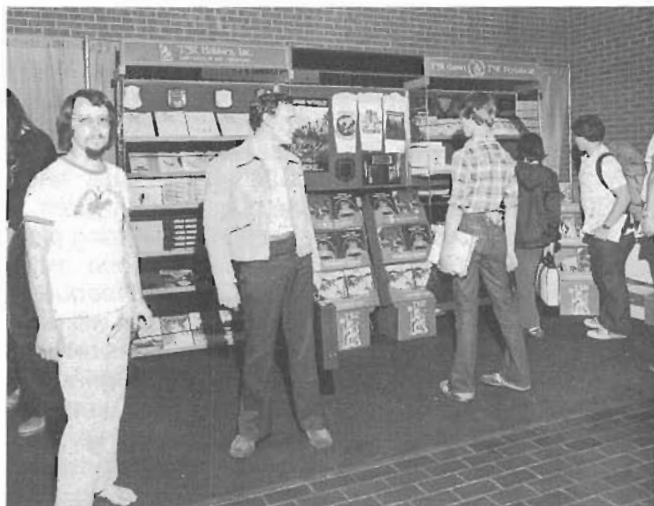
THE Eleventh Annual GenCon Game Convention and Trade Show was held 17-20 August at the University of Wisconsin Parkside Campus, just outside Kenosha Wisconsin. The four day affair offered more games and events than any other convention of its like in the excellent facilities of the modern college campus. Some 500 questionnaires completed by attendees indicated that they rated the site better than any previous one and the convention as slightly superior to previous events. Dealer attendance for the Sunday afternoon Trade Show was good, with many exhibitors commenting very favorably on this aspect of GenCon.

Despite the good location and high ratings, however, attendance was considerably down from last year. Approximately 1,500 paid admissions were recorded, with a total attendance of some 2,100 to 2,200 different people. GenCon X had some 2,500 paid and a total attendance in excess of 3,000 different people. TSR Hobbies, Inc., and their co-sponsors, Parkside Association of Wargamers, cite severe storms during the first two days of the event and the close proximity in both time and distance of another major gaming convention as the major causes of the lower participation. The new location, outside Lake Geneva for the first time in five years, was certainly a contributing factor. The relatively light attendance was viewed unfavorably by some exhibitors, mitigated by the well-attended trade portion of the show. Hobbyists there were quite happy with the whole event, for they had more to do than ever before, and the surroundings were given high praise.

Immediately after the convention was concluded the sponsors began work on GenCon XII, aiming to bring at-

tendance back to the usual high and to improve all aspects of the convention. The Parkside Campus site will be used again August 16-19, 1979. More extensive direct mail solicitation and media advertising will be used, and all ads will include a map to the convention location. Considerable effort will be spent on making certain that the show runs as smoothly as possible, and that more dealers than ever come for the trade portion.

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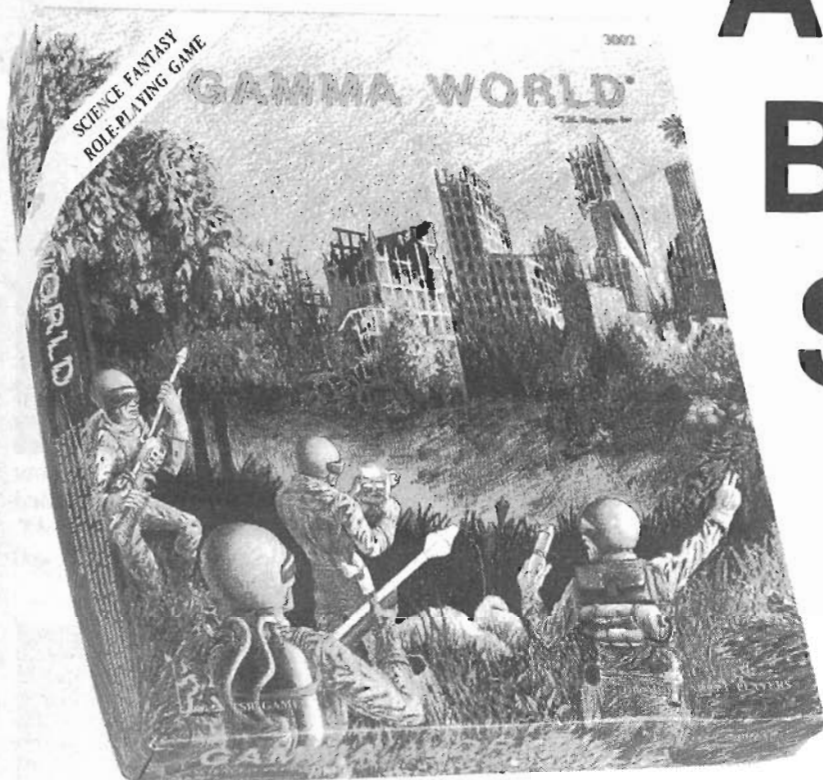
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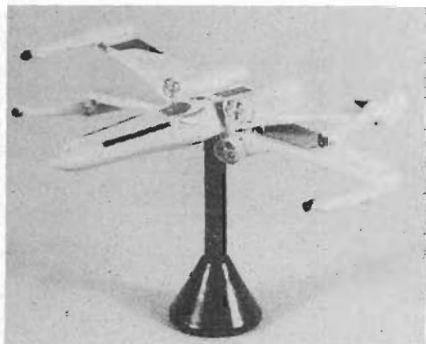
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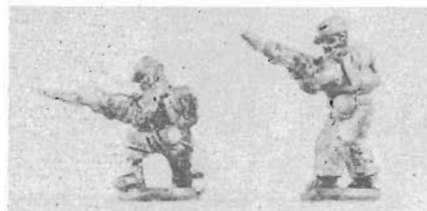


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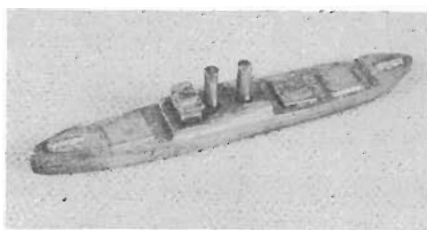


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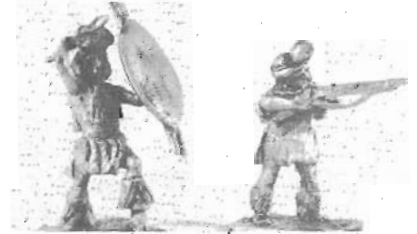


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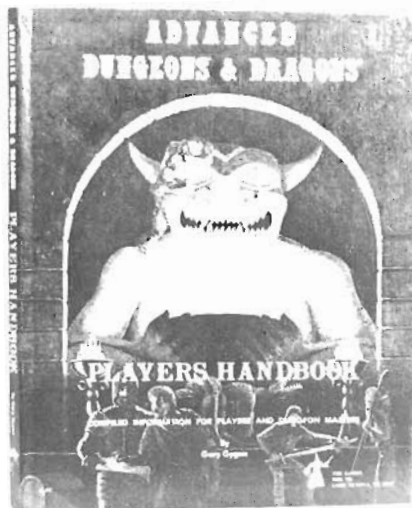
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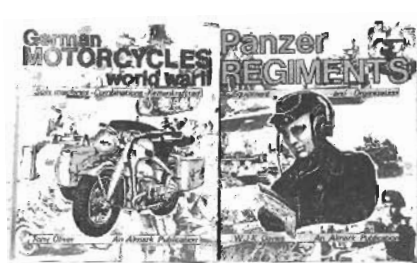
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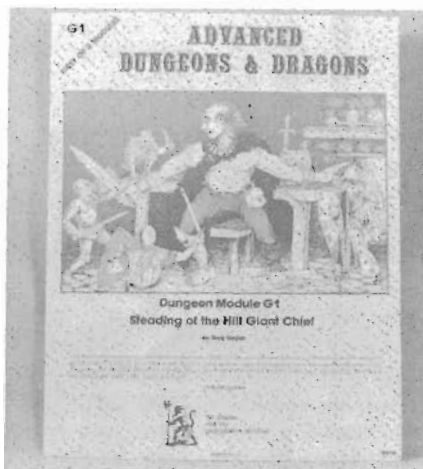
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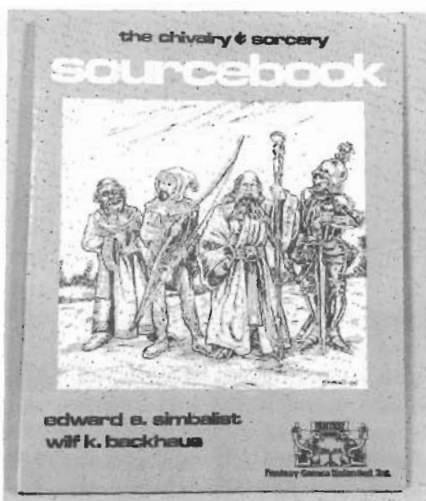
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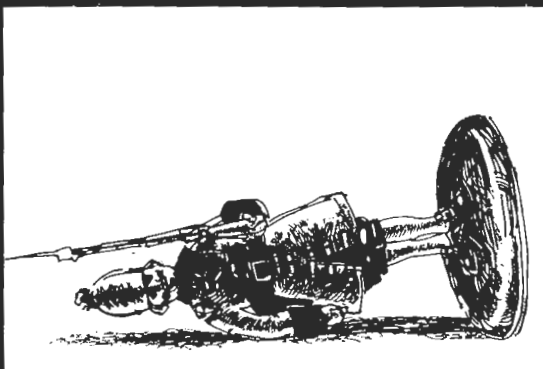


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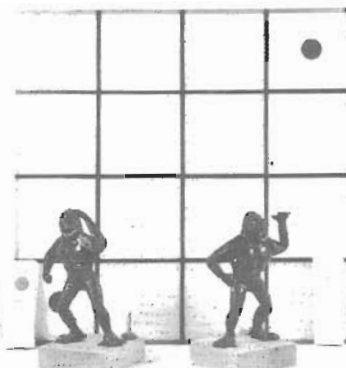
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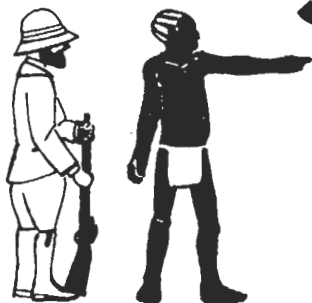


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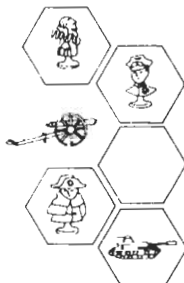
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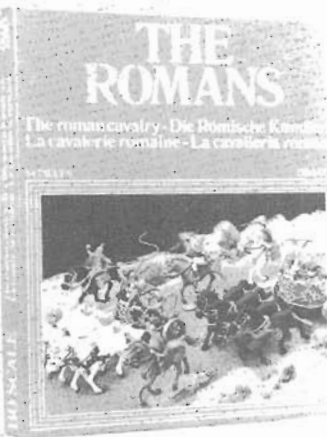
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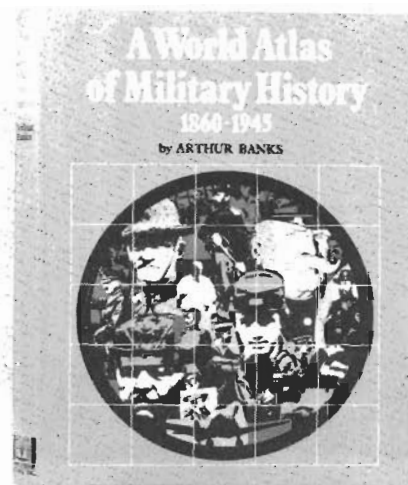


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COMMAND STUDY

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due to the popularity of these type of games. Some of the more notable fantasy boardgames now available are *War of Wizards*, *Lan-khmar*, *Dungeons & Dragons* (TSR); *Lords and Wizards* (FGU); *Swords and Sorcery*, *Sorcerer*, *Middle Earth* (SPI); and *White Bear and Red Moon*, *Elric*, *Troy*, *Nomad Gods*, and *King Arthur's Knights* (Chaosium).

There have been many other games published that were not mentioned here due to space limitations. All of them have contributed in one way or another to the popularity of fantasy gaming which continues to grow with new games and figures being released every month. The next step in the evolution of fantasy gaming will be a computer moderated dungeon adventure. This type of game contains unlimited potential in capturing the imagination of all fantasy gamers.

Next month, an offshoot of Fantasy Role Playing games will be discussed. ■

AIR RACE

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along the way. If both planes are un-flyable and cannot be repaired in a reasonable time to complete the flight to the next check point, the planes would be carried to the check point and a time penalty assigned. But everyone would still be in the race and that's what it is all about.

The Race

The cross-country race would be against time. Not actual flying time, but time between check points. The check points would be the places the first take-off of the day would be made and the place for the final landing of the day. The clock would tick on for accidents, pit stops, comfort stops, etc.

Take-offs from the initial starting point would be at five minute intervals, the order chosen by drawing. At the word "go" from the race director the team would start the engine, take-off and be on their way. Timing for that plane would start as the "go" signal. Time would continue until the plane lands at the check point for the over-site stop of leg change. Timing would stop at touch down within the designated landing area. The take-offs the next morning would be at five minute

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The race winners would be the total team with the shortest time accrued.

Radio Equipment

Any make or brand of radio that is approved by the FCC operating on assigned R/C frequencies may be used. The only exception of this would be "hams" operating on legal frequencies. Large capacity batteries, extra battery packs, and or quick chargers could be used.

Close coordination between all members of the total team would be required because frequencies would be assigned to total teams. The total team would be required to operate on the same frequency on all legs of the race.

Proposed Date

The proposed date for the race is September or October of 1979. This will allow plenty of time for advance planning, publicity, coordination with all participants and the police and officials along the way. It also will give plenty of time for the entrants to work on planes, practice, and make sure the race will be a huge success.

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